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ABSTRACT

Designed for Grades PreK-3, the culture-based story times and extension activities provided in this book give educators the opportunity to share the diversity of global neighbors with young learners. The book covers Australia, Brazil, the Caribbean, China, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Vietnam, and the United States--Native Americans. Each chapter highlights a specific country or cultural group, offering recommended books to read aloud and stories appropriate for flannel board, overhead projector, or simple puppetry presentations. Fingerplays, action rhymes, songs, games or activities, puppet patterns and instructions, and directions for other inexpensive crafts accompany the stories. In addition, there are bibliographies of other resources for each culture. A sample reading passport follows the introduction and can be reproduced and distributed to children. As the story time for a new country begins, the passports are stamped with colorful images. Other ideas for creating an appropriate atmosphere are offered in this resource--from music and travel posters to clothing and toys. Contains a multicultural series bibliography and an index. (AEF)

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